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Date: January 24, 2023

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Multi-Purpose Room

Next Meeting: February 14, 2023

Minutes: REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

Minutes for December 27 and January 10 were accepted as presented

Present: Richard Doughty, Dina Walker, Brian Haynes, Becky Vining, Carol & Steve Conant, Dan & April Demers, Lisa Miller, Russell Banton and Carol Cochran

AGENDA ITEMS

Department Heads:

Dan said that the roads were in good shape and all of the equipment should be running later this week.

Lisa Miller said that there have been positive comments on the road.

Weld Recreation:

April said that she has been communicating with residents to see what they would like to see in town for recreational activities. She will schedule a time when Carol can go into the Town Hall with her so that she can see what is available.

OLD BUSINESS

Status of Applications for Road Commissioner:

1 application has been received

Richard said that they would wait to see how many applications that are received then they can decide whether or not to extend the application deadline beyond January 26th.

First Net Cell Phone Service:

It will take a couple of days for FIRSTNET to get everything set up to be able to order the phones.

FEMA December 23rd report:

Tim Hardy of Franklin County Emergency Management is looking for estimates for damages done on the December 23rd storm. Franklin County will send the damages from those Towns to the State to see if they will qualify for emergency funds.

Franklin County Hazard Mitigation Plan:

Richard attended the Hazard Mitigation kick off meeting on January 20th in Farmington. Every five years they do an update to see what projects have been completed and add new projects.

We need to update our list of mitigation projects that was submitted in 2016 showing what has been completed. It looks like 1 was completed but not the other 5. These projects get prioritized and there may be funds from FEMA and other agencies. Richard made contact with Kelly Hutchinson, but he could not tell him if the projects were completed.

Tim said we needed to include the bridge work that DOT said needed to be done. Richard will keep working with Tim and get the survey done and get it submitted as soon as possible. Brian will help Richard get the information for the survey.

Freedom of Access Training:

Richard has completed the required FOAA training.

Heating Fuel Consumption Concerns:

We have used less fuel than last year at the Town Garage. Webster Heating is coming in to service the furnace. There are repairs that need to be done to the building to reduce oil consumption.

Town Warrant / Annual Town Meeting Status:

Warrant articles have been drafted and now need to be proofread.

Colleen found a few errors in the budget in General Government and Public Works. Richard said that he did agree with the changes, so those figures will be changed.

NEW BUSINESS:**Status of Public Works****Library Plowing:**

The Library has hired a private person to plow the Weld Free Public Library, so the Town of Weld will not be plowing it anymore.

MMA Magazine, Maine Townsman, subscriptions:

Presently the magazine is mailed and the annual subscriptions will be increasing.

The Town will now receive them electronically to cut the cost of the printing and mailing of the Maine Townsman.

TOPO Building/ramp:

Since we put a standing seam metal roof on the building the snow comes off and piles up on the back ramp that is accessed by the Post Office. Pat Lowe asked Richard if the roof could be extended over the ramp. Richard said it was not urgent but agreed with Pat that it should be done.

Transfer Station:

When the scrap metal is taken away we now are paying \$261 per load. Judy Marden will ask Public Works to come to the Transfer Station to compact the metal in the dumpster so that it will not have to be emptied as often.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol J. Cochran".

Carol J. Cochran